

# WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ARGYLE



**A NOTE FROM PASTOR LAUREN** Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! There is something so right about Easter falling on the last day of March. As we turn the calendar's page to April, we eagerly anticipate spring and the Easter liturgical season. These are seasons of renewal and growth, of resurrection and possibility. This is a season of hope. It has the feeling of a new year - but it isn't. In the Christian calendar, Easter is the center of the year, the center of everything - the good news of Resurrection is the heart of the Gospel. Everything about our faith depends on the extraordinary claim that Jesus Christ is indeed risen from the tomb. Jesus was a good teacher, but that alone could not save a single soul. Jesus was a revolutionary, but that, too, does not bring salvation. Jesus' death on the cross was a transformational trauma and grief for his friends and followers, but trauma and grief are not salvific. Without the resurrection, nothing else matters. May we each encounter every sign of spring as a reminder of the wonder of resurrection, and may our wonder remind us to ask God what is being made new in our lives and our community, and how we can participate in the new life God is planting, nurturing and celebrating. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

**MAREN REID WILL PREACH** on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Be sure to join us for worship that day!

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** Every **second** Sunday, we invite you to participate in this special offering. When we all put our left over dollars and loose change together, the amount really adds up! *Change for Change* goes to our *Family In Need Fund*, which helps folks in our church family and wider community in need of assistance.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet after worship for games, fellowship and lunch on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Check the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help with lunch!

**A NOTE FROM LIZ O'LEARY** Hello Willow Creek Friends! April just started and Easter is over? It's a different feeling but this year, that's the way it is. Let's hope for a nice spring! 🎵Liz  
Here is the special music lined up for April:

- April 7<sup>th</sup>: Tom Andrew, Keyboard
- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Dan Holmes
- April 21<sup>st</sup>: Marilyn Cade, Pianist
- April 28<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

**SESSION SUMMARY** The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle met on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the regularly stated meeting. The meeting opened at 6:30pm with prayer and devotions. In attendance were: Pastor Lauren Patrus-Betzel (Moderator), Rebekah Landi (Acting Clerk), Karli Rankin, Lucas Greenlee, Katherine Ralston, Lon Clark and Molly Shipton were in attendance. April Rottman, Abby Guthrie and Jeff Cummings were excused. A quorum was declared.

The following actions were taken:

1. Motion and second to approve Rebekah as Acting Clerk. Motion carried.
2. The Consent agenda was approved as stated.

Discussions were had about hospitality and endowments. Session members signed up for items to contribute to the Easter breakfast. Announcements of upcoming services and events, including Holy Week, were given. Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Pastor Lauren closed the meeting with prayer.

**WCPC OPERATING STATISTICS** February was a below average month for giving. Our expenses were slightly above average for the month. We are in the red so far this year at \$6,669.50. Cold weather is still here and heating will still be a larger expense for the church during these early Spring months. Thank you for your continued support of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church.

	<b>February, 2024</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Income	\$12,092.86	\$21,931.11
Expenses	\$14,097.85	\$28,600.61
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$2,004.99)	(\$6,669.50)

**ATTENTION STUDENTS \* THE FLORA MCEACHRAN SCHOLARSHIP** To apply, please submit a letter to the Clerk of Session (April Rottman). The letter should include a description of your plans following graduation. You may also wish to include information about yourself including activities, community service, etc. Please mail the letter to the Church Office (Attn: Clerk of Session, Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, 7300 Belvidere Road, Caledonia, IL. 61011) or email ([aprilimp68@gmail.com](mailto:aprilimp68@gmail.com)). Prior to the Scholarship disbursement, recipients chosen for the scholarship will need to show proof of enrollment in a course of basic study or training beyond high school. Eligibility: any student in or beyond their senior year of high school who has not previously received the scholarship.

**SPRING MISSION CLOSET DRIVE** Our spring **Mission Closet Drive** is for **The Haven Network!** From **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> through the end of April** we will collect items to make kits for moms. **What is Needed: Travel Sizes of Women's** body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hair ties, makeup wipes, chapstick and \$25.00 gift cards for Rockford Area Chain Restaurants (Chili's, Red Lobster, etc.). Contact Marisa O'Dell, David Perez-Fernandez or the Church Office at 815-885-3455 with any questions.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in the Library. We are studying Spiritual Disciplines on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> as well as May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.

## APRIL CALENDAR

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>		<i>Easter Monday - Welcome Back Argyle Preschool!</i>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30p	Session
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30a	Ladies Walk at Willow Creek
	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10a	Worship - Maren Reid Preaching - Communion
	11a	Fellowship
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Parent/Teacher Conferences Argyle Preschool</i>
	10:30a	Ladies Walk at Willow Creek
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Parent/Teacher Conferences Argyle Preschool</i>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
<i>Change for Change</i>	10a	Worship - Pastor Lauren Preaching
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship
	11:30a	Youth Group
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8a	Buildings & Grounds
	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals, Worship & Music
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30a	Ladies Walk at Willow Creek
	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Streamer Articles Due!</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:30a	Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's Restaurant
	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School
	10a	Worship
	10:30a	Children's Sunday School
	11a	Fellowship
	11:15a	F/P/E
	11:30a	Youth Group
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** *Save the Dates!* Join us for VBS on **June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday - Thursday) 9am - 12pm!** Please join us for an exciting, fun-filled week at Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, where children will experience God's Word through fun-filled activities. Each day children will participate in songs, a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and a mission project. A snack will also be provided. We welcome any Preschool through 6th grade to join us for an adventure!

**WILLOW CREEK OFFERING QR CODE** You can donate by using this QR code for a donation



through your smartphone. Or, you can donate electronically through the Willow Creek Website [www.willowcreekpc.org](http://www.willowcreekpc.org) look for the “Give Now” (pictured below) button in the “Giving” Tab. Online Giving is just another way of giving to Willow Creek Church. You may also continue to give through the offertory plates each Sunday, mailing your donation to the church, or direct deposit to the church.



**MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website.

The Church Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30a - 3p. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the Church Office.

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